

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSIT PLANNING BOARD ESTABLISHING
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE ATLANTA
REGION: "ATLANTA REGIONAL TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION BOARD"**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority created the Transit Planning Board through Joint Resolution in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Planning Board will sunset following the conclusion of the December 2008 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, a major part of the adopted work program has been to establish a governance structure for public transportation in the Atlanta Region that can implement the adopted regional transit vision "Concept 3"; and

WHEREAS, through work with the Transit Planning Board members, using guiding principles for regional transit governance, senior staff from all partner agencies, public input and transit governance examples across the world, a framework for an "Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board" has been developed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is developing a Strategic Plan for Transportation Investment "Investing in Tomorrow's Transportation Today / IT³"; and

WHEREAS, there are ongoing regional transit projects and policies that require a deliberation forum such as regional fare policy, regional transit service coordination, consolidated and prioritized legislative agendas at the federal and state levels and publishing regional transit statistics; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Planning Board has identified a need for new dedicated transit funding for implementation of "Concept 3" and the continued operation of the Atlanta Region's existing transit systems in a state of good repair; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Transit Planning Board, that the transit governance structure for the Atlanta Region shall be an independent, permanent "Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board" that will provide funding and governance of new transit investment in the Atlanta Region as described in the attached Policy Paper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the primary objective of the "Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board" shall be the implementation of the "Concept 3" transit investment vision plan including the operation of the existing transit systems in a state of good repair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the "Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board" shall initially govern on a "going forward" basis with all transit agencies' existing funding including federal formula funds, local revenues

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and sales taxes, existing authorities, existing services and existing responsibilities intact;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board” shall be the mechanism by which all new state or regional funding sources for transit in the Atlanta Region will be programmed to agencies using accountability through implementation performance standards and public transparency and the authorization and appropriation of new funds will form the evolutionary trigger points for increased authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board” shall be constituted as an independent board with representative and weighted participation, following the guiding principles and including the identified constituents for transit governance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board” governance structure is used as input to the new transit investment governance framework for the Atlanta Region in the Georgia IT³ Strategic Plan for Transportation Investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the Atlanta Region will continue to actively pursue constitution and full evolution of the “Atlanta Regional Transit Implementation Board.”

ATTEST:

Chair, Transit Planning Board

Director, Transit Planning Board

Vice-Chair, Transit Planning Board

Secretary, Transit Planning Board

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